Preventing the Spread of Malaria

7727. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the lack of success in combating malaria by Health Ministry;

(b) whether there is any paucity of funds; and

(c) if not, whether there is any administrative disability in the Ministry to combat malaria?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) Malaria incidence was brought down from about 6.47 million cases in 1977 to about 2.18 million in 1984. Thereafter, the situation has remained static mainly on account of vector and P. Falciparum resistance to conventional insecticides and drugs respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Family Planning in States

7728. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) which is the State that tops the list in family planning programmes; and

(b) whether there is any improvement in the statistics of States which are below the targets in family planning programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) Among the major States Kerala has achieved the lowest Birth Rate and Total Fertility Rate in the country.

(b) During the last decade other states have shown improvement in Demographic indicators. The details are given the annexure [*See* Appendix 170, annexure No. 148]

Dutch Assisted project for Medical Facilities in Gujarat and Maharashtra

7729. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat and Maharashtra have submitted a Dutch-Consortium-Assisted project to the Central Government for establishing new facilities like cancer centre, trauma centre, T.B. detection and health care centres in the States;

(b) if so, whether Government have passed the project; and

(c) the places where new facilities are proposed in Gujarat and Maharashtra under the said project?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c): The State Government of Gujarat has submitted a preliminary proposal titled "Strengthening Intermediate Level Health Services" for getting Dutch assistance. The project proposal is being examined.

AIDS Cases in Southern Orissa

7730. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some AIDS cases have been reported in Southern Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of AIDS cases found in the Southern districts of that State; and

(c) the steps taken to provide proper treatment to the AIDS patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.